(c) Relevance of the concept and its applicability to Indian situation would still have to be studied. There is no time-frame for replication of the concept in India.

Under utilization of allocation for NREGS

1772. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had budgeted Rs. 14,300 crore last year, to implement the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in 200 select districts;

(b) whether only about 50 per cent of the budgeted allocation was spent on this account till the end of January 2007, and whether the States have assured utilization of unspent funds before the year closes; and

(c) whether Government would ensure that in future funds allocated for this scheme are evenly spent over the year, whereby targets for utilization are set every quarter, rather than for full one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) No Sir. The budget allocation was Rs. 11300 crores in 2006-07.

(b) NREGA is a demand driven programme. However upto 12th March, 2007 funds amounting to Rs. 7787.36 crores have been released and the expenditure incurred upto January, 2007 amounts to Rs 6016.11 crores.

(c) NREGA is not target based. Work is to be provided to all households as and when they demand work. Next instalment of funds is considered when 60% of available resources are utilized.

Rehabilitation Scheme for displaced persons

1773. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK:
DR. VIJAY MALLYA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new resettlement scheme to compensate and give relief to the persons displaced on account of the public projects by Government has come into force;